

Appl. No.: 10/518,936

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**REMARKS:**

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims, and states the following in support.

The claims have been amended to remove ambiguities identified by the examiner. The objection to claim 1, lines 2-3 has been obviated by amendment to clarify the claim language so that it specifies that each of the two tracks (main track and branch track) comprises a tongue rail and a respective stock rail. A railway switch generally has two tongue rails, one on each of the two tracks. For illustrating this particular invention, however, it was only considered necessary to depict one point of abutment between a tongue rail and its respective stock rail. It is believed that a depiction of the whole switch showing both tongue rails would not contribute to the clarity of the disclosure of the invention.

With respect to the objection to the clause "is designed to," the claims have all been revised to replace this clause with suitable language.

Possible double inclusion of the stock rail has been corrected in the amendment presented above.

The word "thereupon" in claim 1, line 8, has been replaced by specific reference to point (4).

The objection to the clause "...reinforced in cross section towards the stock rail (1) according to the reduction in the width of the stock rail head..." has been further clarified by replacement of the phrase "according to" with "in correlation with."

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

*Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization.* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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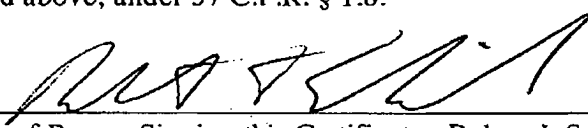
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